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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: G. G. Schlauder, et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

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Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the original paper copy of the Sequence Listing (pages 1-140) with the substitute copy (pages 1-117) submitted herewith.

**Remarks**

This preliminary amendment is being submitted before receipt of a substantive Office Action on the merits. Applicants independently have noted certain technical informalities, such as failure to identify "n" bases or "Xaa" amino acids in the Features section of their original Sequence Listing, which they have corrected in the substitute paper copy provided herewith. Applicants also provide the corrected Sequence Listing in computer readable form as well as a statement to support the present filings and submissions.

Applicants respectfully submit that the corrections made in the Sequence Listing add no new matter and respectfully request entry of the substitute paper copy of the Sequence Listing, the substitute computer readable form copy, and statement to support the filings and submissions into the record.